

resident of Massachusetts and provided remarkable contributions to the biotechnology industry with his exemplary leadership, insight, and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to reiterate that the Biotechnology Innovation Organization's commitment to supporting the growing biotechnology industry in our nation has promoted a vast degree of innovation, helped to build a more robust economy, and benefitted a near countless number of patients around the globe. On behalf of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, I wish BIO all the best and much continued prosperity.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LESS  
CANCER "SPLIT THE MITT" BIKE  
RIDE IN MICHIGAN

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2018*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Less Cancer, founded by Michigander Bill Couzens, to help remediate the alarming increases of cancer diagnosis and raise awareness about cancer risk reduction and prevention strategies. Less Cancer facilitates continuing education for physicians, nurses and public health professionals to highlight the 50 percent of cancers that are preventable, and how to best educate patients on specific contaminants, pollution sources, and healthy lifestyle choices. Less Cancer also founded National Cancer Prevention Day, the National Cancer Prevention Workshop and facilitates the U.S. Congressional Cancer Prevention Caucus.

On June 23 and 24, cyclists from all over the country will team up for the Less Cancer "Split the Mitt" Bike Ride, an epic two-day 238-mile charity ride through the heart of Michigan. The Less Cancer cycling tradition started in 2012 when Suzi Tobias rode to Mackinac City to honor her friend Aileen O'Brien who lost the battle with cancer. This year's cyclists will travel from Flint to Traverse City and conclude their overnight ride with a Cancer Prevention and Survivors' Picnic at the Cowell Family Cancer Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

The yearly ride could not happen without the many cyclists that participate year after year including Tom Petzold, Brian Dooks, Dave Toutant, Tricia Petzold, Ed Shumaker, Lars Perkins, Jeanne Petzold, and Andrew Bowman. Tireless volunteers include Melanie Awe, Sue Coughlin, Steve Theil, John Kretschmar, Miles O'Brien and Ted Shaw along with support from the Less Cancer Board of Directors and Board Chair Donna Eacho.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Less Cancer's tireless efforts to highlight cancer prevention strategies, and wish them luck in their yearly bike ride. Non-profits like Less Cancer are a huge form of support for cancer survivors, their families, and future generations of cancer-free Americans.

IN MEMORY OF COL. PETE SERCER

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2018*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week South Carolinians were grateful to provide tribute to Col. Pete Sercer who was properly recognized as an American Patriot devoted to inspiring young people for military service at Irmo High School. The following thoughtful obituary is provided by Dunbar Funeral Home:

COL. PETER EDWARD SERCER, SR., COLUMBIA.—Memorial Service for Col. Peter Edward Sercer, Sr., (USAF, Retired), will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with burial in the church's adjoining Memorial Garden. The Rev. Jill Biemdiek will officiate. A reception will follow in the church's Parish Hall. Peter Edward "Eddie" Sercer, Sr., 81, peacefully passed away on June 3, 2018, surrounded by love. He is survived by his loving wife, Lesley W. Sercer; sons, Peter E. Sercer, Jr. and Paul L. Sercer. He is also survived by his sister, Frances Smoak, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Pete was predeceased by his parents, Peter E. Sercer and Marie Blaze Sercer, as well as his siblings, Helen Ross, John Sercer, Richard Sercer, Teresa Sercer, Jesse Shirah, and Caroline Croft. Born on October 19, 1936, in Columbia, South Carolina, Pete graduated from Columbia High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business from the University of South Carolina, immediately joining the United States Air Force. After serving over 26 years in the Air Force, Pete became the Director of the Irmo High School Air Force JROTC program for 22 years. In addition to his education at the University of South Carolina, Pete earned a Master of Business Administration and Doctor of Education. Community service was an integral part of Pete's life. He served as a Commissioner of Midlands Technical College for over 26 years and was named Commissioner emeritus. He was active in the Association of Community College Trustees in many capacities, culminating in his serving as National Chairman of the organization in 2010-2011. Pete was a founding member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and served on the vestry, building committee, and rector search committee many times. Active in the St. Andrews Rotary Club, Pete served as Club President and Assistant District Governor and was a Rotary Benefactor, 10-Star Rotarian, and multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He was a strong supporter of the University of South Carolina Gamecocks, volunteering as a Gamecock Ambassador and Press Box Assistant during football games for many years. During his military career, Pete was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and other decorations. In 2006, he was awarded the Order of the Palmetto in recognition of extraordinary achievements and service to the State and Nation. He was instrumental in the creation of the Irmo High School "Celebrate Freedom Gardens and Courtyard," dedicated in his honor. Pete Sercer was a good man, a kind man. He never spoke ill of anyone. He was a happy man, an optimistic man, and always had a smile on his face. Pete will be greatly missed, but the memories of the tremendous joy he brought to our lives will always make us smile. The family would like to thank the caring and compassionate staff of Palmetto Health Parkridge and McLeod Home Care. To honor Pete's life, memorials may be made to the Midlands

Technical College Foundation or St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

THAD WARD

**HON. FRANCIS ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2018*

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thad Ward on his recent selection by the Boston Red Sox organization in the 2018 MLB draft. Ward, a right-handed pitcher, was selected in the fifth round with the 160th pick.

Ward's high school career was one to be remembered. He was honored as the 2015 News-Press Player of the Year as a pitcher at Bishop Verot High School. During his college career at the University of Central Florida, Ward pitched in 22 games this past season and compiled a 5-4 record with a 3.27 ERA over 63.5 innings.

I would like to congratulate Ward for taking the first step into realm of professional baseball. His hard work and dedication are paying off, and I look forward to hearing about his successes in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. GARRET GRAVES**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, in service to my constituents in Louisiana, I was meeting with Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson during the vote series on June 13th. This meeting centered on HUD's administration of the \$1.2 Billion appropriation for flood projects in Louisiana, as well as RESTORE programs and general flood recovery in the state. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on both Roll Call 263 and Roll Call 264.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MRS. EVA LOUIS "TEE EVA"  
PERRY

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 15, 2018*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Eva Louis "Tee Eva" Perry, the founder of Tee-Eva's Old-Fashioned Pies and Pralines, who died on June 7, 2018 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Eva Louis "Tee Eva" Perry was born on the Glendale Plantation of Colonie, Louisiana and grew up in the Magnolia housing project on Washington Avenue. Tee Eva, short for "Aunt Eva," was the name coined by natives of New Orleans. Her voyage to become the "New Orleans Queen of Pralines" began in 1980 when she became an entrepreneur by sharing her grandmother's family recipes with the world.

Mrs. Perry left New Orleans in the early 1980s and spent seven years in Los Angeles,